

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) AsSystem for handling email requests for sending and receiving email from a terminal ~~(1)~~, the system comprising

~~an~~ at least one email proxy ~~(5,6)~~ and a database ~~(9,10)~~, the email proxy ~~(5,6)~~ being arranged to communicate with the database ~~(9,10)~~,

wherein the email proxy ~~(5,6)~~ is arranged to detect a network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~ and retrieve email configuration settings from the database ~~(9,10)~~ using the network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~,

the email proxy ~~(5,6)~~ further being arranged to communicate with an email server ~~(7)~~ using the retrieved email configuration settings.

2. (currently amended) System according to claim 1, wherein the retrieved email configuration settings include a name of the email server ~~(7)~~, and username and a password for accessing the email server ~~(7)~~.

3. (currently amended) System according to claim 2, wherein the retrieved email configuration settings further include a full name of a user, and an email address of the user.

4. (currently amended) System according to claims 1-~~3~~, wherein the database ~~(9,10)~~ comprises a mapping of the network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~ to an identity of a user.

5. (currently amended) System according to claim 4, wherein a first database ~~(9)~~ comprises the mapping of the network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~ to the identity of the user, and second database ~~(10)~~ comprises the retrieved email configuration settings.

6. (currently amended) System according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claims 1, wherein a first email proxy ~~(5)~~ is used to handle email requests for retrieving email messages, and a second email proxy ~~(6)~~ is used to handle email requests for sending email messages.

7. (currently amended) Email retrieval proxy ~~(5)~~ for handling email retrieval requests from a terminal ~~(1)~~,

the email retrieval proxy ~~(5)~~ being arranged to detect a network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~ and retrieve email configuration settings from a database ~~(9,10)~~ using the network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~,

the email retrieval proxy ~~(5)~~ further being arranged to forward the email retrieval request to an email server ~~(7)~~ using the retrieved email configuration settings,

retrieve a requested email message from the email server ~~(7)~~ and forward the requested email message to the terminal ~~(1)~~.

8. (currently amended) Email sending proxy ~~(6)~~ for handling email sending requests from a terminal ~~(1)~~,

the email sending proxy ~~(6)~~ being arranged to detect a network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~ and retrieve email configuration settings from a database ~~(9,10)~~ using the network address of the terminal ~~(1)~~,

the email sending proxy ~~(6)~~ further being arranged to modify the email sending request using the email configuration settings and forward the modified email sending request to an email server ~~(7)~~ using the email configuration settings.

9. (currently amended) A terminal (1) for use with a system of ~~any of the~~ claims 1-6,

the terminal (1) being provisioned with default configuration settings for sending or retrieving email messages, the default configuration settings being the same for mobile terminals within a network, wherein the mobile terminal is arranged to send or retrieve email messages using the default configuration settings.

10. (currently amended) A method for handling email requests from a terminal (1) in at least one ~~an~~ email proxy (5,6), the method comprising the steps of

detecting a network address of the terminal (1);

retrieving email configuration settings from a database (9, 10) using the network address of the terminal (1); and

communicating with an email server (7) using the email configuration settings.

11. (currently amended) Method according to claim 10, wherein the email configuration settings include a name of the email server (7), and a username and a password for accessing the email server (7).

12. (currently amended) Method according to claim 11, wherein the retrieved email configuration settings further include a full name of a user, and an email address of the user.

13. (currently amended) Method according to claims 10-12, wherein the database (9, 10) comprises a mapping of the network address of the terminal (1) to an identity of a user.

14. (currently amended) Method according to claim 13, the method comprising the steps of retrieving from a first database ~~(9)~~ information about the mapping of the network address of the terminal (1) to the identity of the user; retrieving from a second database ~~(10)~~ the retrieved email configuration settings.

15. (currently amended) Method according to ~~any of the~~ claims 10-14, wherein first email proxy ~~(5)~~ is used to handle email requests for retrieving email messages, and a second email proxy ~~(6)~~ is used to handle email requests for sending email messages.